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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1657**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office action herein, mailed 10 January 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 10 April 2008. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy and consideration extended his undersigned representative in the course of a telephone interview on 25 January 2008. The following amendment and discussion take account of the interview as well as the rejection as written. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.